Selection of Revenue Divisional Commissioners.

* 45 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) why in the selection of Revenue Divisional Commissioners, seniormost I.C.S. officers have not been selected for the post;

(*b*) whether the seniors not posted for the abovesaid posts have been compensated by any special pay or allowances; and

(*c*) if so, the amount of special pay or allowances granted to them and from what date?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The points raised in the question do not arise as the scheme relating to the appointment of Divisional Commissioners has after examination been dropped in favour of re-organizing the work of the Board partly on a territorial basis."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—"In his answer to a question put earlier, the Hon. the Chief Minister pointed out that Regional or Divisional Commissioners are proposed to be appointed with the present members of the Board of Revenue. When they are appointed, may I know, whether the Government propose to pay them any special pay or allowances?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The hon. Member, I think, said that from my answer to a previous question he inferred that Regional or Divisional Commissioners were going to be appointed. That is not a correct inference."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—"I inferred, Sir, that Board Members are to be appointed on regional basis."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The Board Members will be given duties on a regional basis in addition to the functions they do jointly."

Permission to Government servants to join Bharat Sevak Samaj.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government officials have been permitted to participate in the activities of Bharat Sevak Samaj; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the circular, if any, issued on the question?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) A copy of the Order [a] is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 357 infra.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—" May I know whether the Central Government have commended to the State Government to enlist the co-operation of the Bharat Sevak Samaj in dealing with corruption among Government servants, black-marketing, etc., and may I know what action has been taken by this Government thereon? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" In so far as this State is concerned I do not think we have asked the Bharat Sevak Samaj to help us in finding out or deciding corruption cases. I may add we have regular arrangements including a Tribunal and therefore it was not considered necessary to bring in the Bharat Sevak Samaj into it."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—" May I know whether the policy suggested by my hon. Friend will not lead to the coming into existence of a spy system among Government servants? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I think my hon. Friend (Sri T. Purushotham) referred to what was suggested in some other State. But so far as this State is concerned it was found totally unnecessary as we have already an organization which is working well and giving full satisfaction."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON:—" May I know whether the State Government have any control over the Bharat Sevak Samaj organization? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The State Government have no control over the Samaj. The Samaj is intended to supplement the work of the Government in social and economic matters on a voluntary basis. There is no question of control over the Samaj but the Government are helping it, I think, morally and in other ways."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—" Will the Government be pleased to issue a circular to the District Collectors and the Heads of Departments to co-operate with the activities of the Bharat Sevak Samaj organization? The Government order referred to in the answer to the main question states that Government servants can join the Bharat Sevak Samaj."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The suggestion will be considered in all its aspects. But at the moment I feel that permission is better than an order."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I take it that in so far as Government officers are concerned, the rule of the Government that no Government servant can hold any office in the Samaj holds good here also? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" That is so, Sir."